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AMENDMENT 5

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 21, 2006, petition being hereby made for a one (1) month time extension, up to and including, November 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as noted in the following sections.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.

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AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the subject application as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED THICKENING OF LOW CONSISTENCY FIBER SUSPENSIONS